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SUBJECT: VIEWS OF NGUYEN HUU THO

1. LE MONDE PUBLISHED SEPT 21 AN INTERVIEW BETWEEN NGUYEN HUU THO, NLF CHAIRMAN, AND JEAN LACOUTURE. THO'S REPORTED VIEWS ON SEVERAL SUBJECTS FOLLOW.

2. DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION OF THE PRG: THO WAS GRATIFIED THAT FOUR STATES HAD RECOGNIZED THE PRG AS A RESULT OF THE ALGIERS CONFERENCE, AND THAT, THANKS TO "OTHER INITIATIVES," FORTY STATES IN ALL HAD NOW DONE SO. HE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION TO PRESIDENTS NGOUABI (CONGO) AND OULD DADDAH (MAURITANIA) FOR HAVING SERVED AS "COLLECTORS OF RECOGNITION" ON THE PRG'S BEHALF DURING THE CONFERENCE.

3. DUAL RECOGNITION: THO SAID THAT RECOGNITION OF BOTH THE GVN AND PRG, AS SENGHOR (GUINEA) HAD DONE, ACCORDED WITH THE PARIS AGREEMENT AND "WE SEEK IT."

4. SVN INTERNAL QUESTIONS: THO WAS COMPLETELY PESSIMISTIC ABOUT THE LA CELLE-ST. CLOUD TALKS, SAYING THAT THE "NEGATIVE ATTITUDE" OF THE GVNDEL WOULD NOT BE OVERCOME.

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HE DENIED A RUMOR THAT THE TWO SIDES HAD REACHED AGREEMENT ON COMPOSITION OF THE THIRD COMPONENT (FOR A FUTURE NATIONAL RECONCILIATION COUNCIL), PRESIDENT THIEU, ACCORDING TO THO, "NOW KNOWS THAT HE CAN ONLY SURVIVE BY

VIOLATING THE AGREEMENT AND THAT THE LATTER CAN ONLY
BECOME EFFECTIVE WITH HIS DOWNFALL."

5. ARVN-PLAF CONTACTS: THO MAINTAINED THAT SEVERAL
MONTHS AGO ARVN OFFICERS HAD WARNED COMMUNIST FORCES
OF IMPENDING BOMBARDMENTS, ASKED WHERE STRIKES COULD BE
MADE WITHOUT HARM TO THE VIET CONG, AND DIVULGED
LOCATIONS OF ARVN COMMAND POSTS FOR RETALIATORY FIRE.
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